

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NEW FEDERAL FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee met and approved to strike Title X (Agricultural Competition) from S. 1628, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

LEAD-BASED PAINT POISONING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded hearings to examine the health and environmental impact of lead-based poisoning, focusing on federal, state, and local efforts to prevent lead-based poisoning, focusing on poisoning prevention, after receiving testimony from Rhode Island State Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse, Providence; Richard A. Fatur, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver; Susan Thornfeldt, Maine

Lead Action Project, Portland, on behalf of the Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning; Bruce P. Lanphear, Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; Nick Farr, National Center for Lead-Safe Housing, Columbia, Maryland; and Sue Heller, Manchester Connecticut Lead Abatement Project, Manchester.

ILLEGAL ALIENS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings on the Immigration and Naturalization Service's role in processing aliens arrested for illegal entry into the United States between ports of entry, focusing on Border Patrol and Inspections' procedures to facilitate the flow of illegal immigration while preventing illegal entry of people and contraband, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Pearson, Executive Associate Commissioner for Field Operations, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Gustavo De LaVina, Chief, Mark P. Hall and Keith M. Olson, both Senior Border Patrol Agents, both on behalf of the National Border Patrol Council, and Eugene R. Davis, former Deputy Chief Patrol Agent, all of the U.S. Border Patrol, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3277–3287; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 267–269, and H. Res. 287 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2269, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets, amended (H. Rept. 107–262 Pt. 2);

H.R. 2776, to designate buildings 315, 318, and 319 located at the Federal Aviation Administration's William J. Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, as the "Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex" (H. Rept. 107–279);

H.R. 2841, to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building" (H. Rept. 107–280);

H.R. 2873, to extend and amend the program entitled Promoting Safe and Stable Families under title IV–B, subpart 2 of the Social Security Act, and to provide new authority to support programs for mentoring children of incarcerated parents; to amend the Foster Care Independent Living program under title IV–E of that Act to provide for educational and training vouchers for youths aging out of foster care (H. Rept. 107–281);

H.R. 2546, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit States from requiring a license or fee on account of the fact that a motor vehicle is providing interstate pre-arranged ground transportation service, amended (H. Rept. 107–282);

H.R. 3060, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to augment the emergency authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission (H. Rept. 107–283);

H.R. 2828, to authorize refunds of amounts collected from Klamath Project irrigation and drainage districts for operation and maintenance of the Project's transferred and reserved works for water year 2001, amended (H. Rept. 107–284);

H.R. 1913, to require the valuation of nontribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation, amended (H. Rept. 107–285);

H.R. 2976, to provide for the issuance of a special entrance pass for free admission to any federally owned area which is operated and maintained by a Federal agency and used for outdoor recreation purposes to the survivors, victims' immediate families, and police, fire, rescue, recovery, and medical personnel directly affected by the September 11, 2001, terrorist hijackings and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon (H. Rept. 107–286); and

H. Res. 286, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–287).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Whitfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Captain Vincent A. Cummings, United States Air Force Reserve.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

China's Membership in the World Trade Organization: Message wherein he transmitted a report certifying that the terms and conditions for the accession of the People's Republic of China to the World Trade Organization are at least equivalent to those agreed between the United States and the People's Republic of China on November 15, 1999—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–146);

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Extension of National Emergency re Proliferation of Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Weapons: Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons (weapons of mass destruction) and the means of delivering such weapons declared by Executive Order 12938 on November 14, 1994, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2001—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–147);

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6-Month Periodic Report on the National Emergency re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–148); and

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Extension of National Emergency re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the Iran emergency declared by Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979 is to continue beyond November 14, 2001—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–149).

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Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2330, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 436.

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The conference report was considered pursuant to the order of the House of November 8.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Diplomatic Security Agent Enhanced Authorities: H.R. 2541, amended, to enhance the authorities of special agents and provide limited authorities to uniformed officers responsible for the protection of domestic Department of State occupied facilities (agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 437);

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Recognizing the Contributions of the Lao-Hmong to Freedom and Democracy: H. Con. Res. 88, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should issue a proclamation recognizing a National Lao-Hmong Recognition Day. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H8042–44

Honoring the Anniversaries of William Penn's Charter of Privileges, the Liberty Bell and the first Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence: H. Con. Res. 254, encouraging the people of the United States to celebrate the 300th anniversary of William Penn's Charter of Privileges, the 250th anniversary of the Liberty Bell, and the 225th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence;

Pages H8044–47

National Words Can Heal Day: H. Res. 235, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the establishment of a National Words Can Heal Day. Agreed to amend the title;

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Real Interstate Driver Equity Act: H.R. 2546, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit States from requiring a license or fee on account of the fact that a motor vehicle is providing interstate pre-arranged ground transportation service;

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James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building, New York City, New York: H.R. 2841, to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the “James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building”;

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Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex, Atlantic City, New Jersey: H.R. 2776, to designate buildings 315, 318, and 319 located at the Federal Aviation Administration’s William J. Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, as the “Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex”;

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Klamath Basin Emergency Operation and Maintenance Refund Act: H.R. 2828, amended, to authorize refunds of amounts collected from Klamath Project irrigation and drainage districts for operation and maintenance of the Project’s transferred and reserved works for water year 2001. Agreed to amend the title;

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Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site: H.R. 400, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site, and for other purposes;

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Special Entrance Pass for Free Admission to Federal Recreation Areas for Victims’ Families, Survivors, and Public Safety and Medical Personnel Affected by September 11 Terrorist Attacks: H.R. 2976, to provide for the issuance of a special entrance pass for free admission to any federally owned area which is operated and maintained by a Federal agency and used for outdoor recreation purposes to the survivors, victims’ immediate families, and police, fire, rescue, recovery, and medical personnel directly affected by the September 11, 2001, terrorist hijackings and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon;

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Emergency Securities Response Act: H.R. 3060, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to augment the emergency authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission;

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Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments: H.R. 2873, amended, to extend and amend the program entitled Promoting Safe and Stable Families under title IV–B, subpart 2 of the Social Security Act, and to provide new authority to support programs for mentoring children of incarcerated

parents; to amend the Foster Care Independent Living program under title IV–E of that Act to provide for educational and training vouchers for youths aging out of foster care;

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American Spirit Fraud Prevention Act: H.R. 2985, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving certain proscribed acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster declared by the President, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act;

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Honoring Coach Joe Paterno: H. Res. 276, praising Joseph Vincent Paterno for his steadfast commitment to academics, service, and citizenship, and congratulating Joseph Vincent Paterno for his many coaching accomplishments including his 324th career coaching victory; and

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Reservists Education Protection: H.R. 3240, to amend title 38, United States Code, to restore certain education benefits of individuals being ordered to active duty as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings on the motions were postponed until Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001.

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Continued Support for Noble Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma: H. Con. Res. 211, amended, commending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 10th anniversary of her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize and expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the Government of Burma;

Pages H8039–42

Commending the Men and Women of the United States Postal Service: H. Con. Res. 257, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the men and women of the United States Postal Service have done an outstanding job of delivering the mail during this time of national emergency;

Pages H8048–53

Urging Expedited Assistance to Children Affected by the Terrorist Attacks on September 11: H. Con. Res. 228, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the children who lost one or both parents or a guardian in the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies (including the aircraft crash in Somerset County, Pennsylvania) should be provided with all necessary assistance, services, and benefits and urging the heads of Federal agencies responsible for providing such assistance, services and benefits to give the highest

possible priority to providing such assistance, services and benefits to those children; **Pages H8081–87**

Best Pharmaceuticals for Children: H.R. 2887, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children; and **Pages H8094–H8107**

Time in Schools for Prayer or Reflection Against the Forces of International Terrorism: H. Con. Res. 239, expressing the sense of Congress that schools in the United States should set aside a sufficient period of time to allow children to pray for, or quietly reflect on behalf of, the Nation during this time of struggle against the forces of international terrorism. **Pages H8113–18**

Motion to Instruct Conferees on Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Vitiating: The filing of the conference report on H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies vitiating the Rohrabacher motion to instruct conferees which was debated on Thursday, November 8 and on which further proceedings were postponed. The conference report was filed on Friday, November 9.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Cunningham filed a motion, Discharge Petition No. 4, to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 271, providing for consideration of H.R. 218, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns. **Page H8088**

Senate messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on page H8088.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8087, H8087–88. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LAW ENFORCEMENT: ARE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations, the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Humans Resources, and the Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held a joint hearing on “Law Enforcement: Are Federal, State and Local Agencies Working Together Effec-

tively?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Asa Hutchinson, Administrator, DEA; Richard R. Nedelkoff, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs; Kathleen L. McChesney, Assistant Director, Training Division, FBI; and Joseph R. Greene, Acting Deputy Executive Associate Commissioner, Field Operations, INS; Edward T. Norris, Commissioner, Police Department, Baltimore, Maryland; John F. Timoney, Commissioner, Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Charles H. Ramsey, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department, District of Columbia; Scott L. King, Mayor, Gary, Indiana, and William Dwyer, Chief, Farmington Hills Police Department, Michigan.

MICELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2234, Tumacacori National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2001; and H.R. 2238, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Fern Lakes and the surrounding watershed in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee for addition to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers of Kentucky and Pastor; Michael Soukup, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FREEDOM TO MANAGE INITIATIVE

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on the President’s “Freedom to Manage” Initiative. Testimony was heard from Senator Thompson; Sean O’Keefe, Deputy Director, OMB; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

CONFERENCE REPORT—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

ISSUES SURROUNDING LEGAL DEFINITION OF U.S. PERSONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Issues Surrounding the Legal Definition of U.S. Persons. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.